

SENATE BILL 9026

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 29 and Title 68, relative to religious  
exemptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If a person or entity requires another to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or to provide proof of having received a COVID-19 vaccination except in cases of religious exemption, then the religious exemption must include any person who is a member of a recognized religious sect or division and is an adherent of established tenets or teachers of such sect or division by reason of which the person is conscientiously opposed to receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

(b) As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including any mutation of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.